REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 5 are the only pending claims, all three of which were allowed in paragraph 6 on page 5 of the last office action. There are no rejections on any other ground. Thus the application now contains only allowable claims. The application should be passed to issue without further examination.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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